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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to an office action mailed on May 2, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on June 2, 2003. In view of the following provisional election of invention and species with traverse, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election of one invention from two inventions she identifies as Invention I: Claims 1-12 and 16-21 and Invention II: Claims 13-15. The former is hereby provisionally elected with traverse on the grounds that is not believed that a search and examination of all species would pose a serious burden.

The Examiner has additionally required an election of one species from species she identifies as Species A and Species B. The former is hereby provisionally elected with traverse on the grounds that is not believed that a search and examination of all species would

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pose a serious burden. Claims 1-6 and 16-21 are readable on the species provisionally elected with traverse.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the invention restriction requirement and the species election requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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